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SUBJECT: GOS QUERY ON STATUS OF AID/OSARAC OFFICE

1. DURING MY CALL AUGUST 30 ON DR. A.B. GAMEDZE, CHIEF PROTOCOL OFFICER IN GOS DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HE NOTED THAT HE HAD ASKED MY PREDECESSOR FOR HELP IN LOCATING DOCUMENTATION RELATING TO ESTABLISHMENT OF AID OFFICE OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN REGIONAL ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR (OSARAC) GAMEDZE LIKELY INTERESTED IN IMPLICATIONS THAT BASIC FOUNDING DOCUMENT MIGHT HAVE FOR GOS LIABILITIES ON PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES. I REPLIED I PREVIOUSLY UNAWARE OF GAMEDZE'S INTEREST IN OSARAC MATTER AND WOULD SEEK POROVIDE EARLY REPLY.

2. TO BEST OF POST'S KNOWLEDGE, THERE NO RPT NO BILATERAL DOCUMENTATION COVERING ESTABLISHMENT OF OSARARC OFFICE. FYI, AS RECENTLY AS JULY 6., 1976 EMBASSY DIPLOMATIC NOTE REFERRED TO OSARAC AS "A DIVISION OF THIS EMBASSY."

3. TO AVOID OPENING PANDORA'S BOX ON QUESTION OF PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES, EMBASSY PROPOSES (UNLESS OTHERWISE INFORMED BY WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8) TO CONFIRM ORALLY TO FONAFFS THAT OSARAC IS "DIVISION OF EMBASSY" WITH REGIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES, AND NOT RPT NOT WHOLLY AUTONOMOUS ORGANIZATION.

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